

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) An electronic gaming apparatus comprising:
2 an electronic gaming device having a plurality of games accessible to a
3 user;
4 a user-actuatable input means in communication with said electronic
5 gaming device to communicate an input signal from said user; and
6 a game controller in communication with said user-actuatable input
7 means, said game controller substantially simultaneously initiating play and substantially
8 simultaneously continuing play of multiple ones of said plurality of games in response to
9 user activation thereof.
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1 2. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1, and further
2 comprising a pay table calculator in communication with said game controller to
3 calculate a composite pay table corresponding to joint possible outcomes of said multiple
4 ones of said plurality of games initiated by said user activation.
- 1 3. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said
2 composite pay table defines a new game.
- 1 4. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said
2 composite pay table defines a bonus table.
- 1 5. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2, and further
2 comprising a network interface in communication with said game controller, enabling
3 communication with said game controller from a remote location.

1 6. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said
2 remote location is a separate electronic gaming device.

1 7. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein a
2 plurality of separate electronic gaming devices communicate with said game controller.

1 8. (original) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein said
2 composite pay table is communicated to each of said plurality of separate electronic
3 gaming devices.

1 9. (previously amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,
2 wherein said user-actuable input means is a touch-screen video monitor.

1 10. (currently amended) A method of playing an electronic game
2 comprising the steps of:

3 selecting a first game from a menu comprising a plurality of games
4 presented by an electronic gambling device;
5 supplementing said selection of said first game by a further selection of an
6 additional game from said menu of said plurality of games; and
7 substantially simultaneously initiating play and concurrently playing said
8 first and said additional games.

1 11. (previously amended) A method of playing an electronic game
2 according to Claim 10, and further comprising:

3 providing an alternative pay table based upon the games selected; and
4 presenting said alternative pay table to a user of said electronic game in
5 the form of additional betting and winning opportunities.

1 12. (original) A method of playing an electronic game according to
2 Claim 11, and further comprising;
3 establishing communications between a plurality of electronic gambling
4 devices; and

5 communicating said alternative pay table to said plurality of electronic
6 gambling devices.

1 13. (currently amended) A method for providing a plurality of
2 electronic games on an electronic gaming device, the method comprising:
3 providing a menu including the plurality of electronic games, each
4 electronic game in the plurality of electronic games being independent of one another;
5 receiving a selection for two or more of the plurality of electronic games;
6 substantially simultaneously initiating play of the selected two or more
7 electronic games; and
8 playing the selected two or more electronic games substantially
9 simultaneously.

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2 14. (previously added) A method according to Claim 13, further
comprising receiving a wager for each of the selected two or more games.

1 15. (previously added) A method according to Claim 14, further
2 comprising determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games based
3 on the two or more games selected and a wager received for each of the selected two or
4 more games.

1 16. (previously added) A method according to Claim 15, wherein the
2 determining a composite pay table for the selected two or more games based on the two
3 or more games selected comprises determining the pay table based on the joint outcomes
4 of the two or more games selected.

1 17. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 2,
2 wherein the pay table calculator calculates the composite pay table ~~is calculated using~~
3 odds of the multiple ones of said plurality of electronic games and wagers received for
4 the multiple ones of said plurality of electronic games.

1 18. (previously added) A gaming apparatus according to Claim 1,
2 wherein at least one of the plurality of games is a progressive game.

1 19. (Previously Added) A method according to Claim 10, wherein at
2 least on of the first game and additional game comprise a progressive game.

1 20. (new) A gaming device comprising:
2 a display of a plurality of games;
3 a game selection input configured to receive a selection of a first and
4 second game from the plurality of games; and
5 a game controller configured to substantially simultaneous start game play
6 of the selected first and second game in response to a single user input, wherein the game
7 play of the first and the second game is controlled by the game controller and is self-
8 contained in the gaming device.

1 21. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to generate a result for the first and second game, wherein the game
3 display is configured to display the result.

1 22. (new) The gaming device of claim 21, wherein the result
2 comprises a first result for the first game and a second result for the second game,
3 wherein the first and the second result are determined substantially simultaneously.

1 23. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, further comprising a wager
2 input configured to receive a wager amount for the first and second game.

1 24. (new) The gaming device of claim 23, wherein the result
2 comprises an award based on the wager amount.

1 25. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein the first and
2 second games are independent games.

1 26. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, further comprising a pay
2 table generator configured to generate a third pay table based on a first pay table for the
3 first game and a second pay table for the second game.

1 27. (new) The gaming device of claim 26, wherein a result for the first
2 and second game is awarded from the generated third pay table.

1 28. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein the display is
2 configured to display the game play of the first and the second game substantially
3 simultaneously.

1 29. (new) The gaming device of claim 20, wherein at least one of the
2 first and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1 30. The gaming device of claim 20, further comprising a selection
2 input configured to receive any selections by a player that are required for the first and
3 second game, wherein the selections are received before game play of the first and
4 second games is initiated.

1 31. (new) A method for providing game play using a gaming device,
2 the method comprising:

3 displaying a menu of a plurality of games on the gaming device;
4 receiving a selection for a first game and a second game in the plurality of
5 games;

6 receiving a wager for the first game before initiation of play for the first
7 and the second game;

8 receiving a wager for the second game before initiation of play for the first
9 and the second game;

10 receiving a single user input to initiate game play;
11 substantially simultaneously initiating play and continuing game play for
12 the first and the second games; and
13 displaying a result for the first and the second games.

1 32. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the first and second
2 games are initiated and played in an independent gaming device.

1 33. (new) The method of claim 31, further comprising determining a
2 result for the first and second games, wherein the result for the first and the second game
3 are controlled and determined by an independent gaming device.

1 34. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein the first and second
2 games are independent games.

1 35. (new) The method of claim 31, further comprising determining a
2 third pay table based on a first pay table for the first game and a second pay table for the
3 second game.

1 36. (new) The method of claim 35, further comprising determining a
2 result for the third pay table based on the game play of the first and second games.

1 37. (new) The method of claim 31, further comprising displaying the
2 game play of the first and the second game substantially simultaneously.

1 38. (new) The method of claim 31, wherein at least one of the first
2 and the second games comprises a progressive game.

1 39. (new) The method of claim 31, further comprising:
2 determining a first award based on the game play of the first game; and
3 determining a second award based on the game play of the second game,
4 wherein determining the first and the second award is done substantially
5 simultaneously.

1 40. The method of claim 31, further comprising receiving any
2 selections by a player that are required for the first and second game, wherein the
3 selections are received before game play of the first and second games is initiated.

1 41. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the play of the
2 multiple ones of said plurality of games is self-contained in the gaming apparatus.

1 42. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a
2 display configured to display the substantially simultaneous play of the multiple ones of
3 said plurality of games.

1 43. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the multiple ones
2 of said plurality of games are independent games.

1 44. (new) The gaming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the game
2 controller is configured to generate a result for the multiple ones of said plurality of
3 games substantially simultaneously.

1 45. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein playing the first and said
2 additional games is self-contained in the electronic gambling device.

1 46. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising displaying the
2 concurrent play of the first game and said additional games.

1 47. (new) The method of claim 10, wherein the first and said
2 additional games are independent games.

1 48. (new) The method of claim 10, further comprising substantially
2 simultaneously generating a result for the first game and said additional games.

1 49. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the play of the two or
2 more electronic games is self-contained in the electronic gaming device.

1 50. (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising displaying the
2 concurrent play of the two or more electronic games.

1 51. (new) The method of claim 13, wherein the two or more electronic
2 games are independent games.

1 52. (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising substantially
2 simultaneously generating a result for the two or more electronic games.